

Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes

July 28, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Welcome: Art Richardson, Advisory Board Chairman

Attendance Members: Art Richardson, Chairman, John Williams, Randy Edwards, Secretary, Monica Arnold, Bill Wright, John Ekins, Vice Chair, Julie Spires, Resident, Lee Orton, Weston Parsons, Chelsea Coronado

Excused: Nick Flake

Guests and Staff: Director, Jim Bedingfield, AVALON Administrator, Weston Parsons, Jeff Hanson and John William Wife Ivan

Zoom: Cindy Jones - Quarantined

Meeting Convened: 4 PM

1. **Approval of the May 26th, 2021 Minutes:** A discussion on a comment written by the recorder to clarify a comment on the May 26th Meeting Minutes were a confusion of John William and John Eakins. Randy was asked to clarify those minutes...

Amendment to read: John Williams to retire due to an experience with the Covid-19 and being 84 and have served for 4.5 years decides to retire. John Eakins has recovers after a life changing experience to Covid but is in top physical condition to continue this work for the Veterans. John donated \$3,000 on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans to the Veterans Home in Payson. After discussion and the amendment to be corrected the minutes were approved. **Motion to approve minutes: Monica Arnold and 2nd by Quin Cloward**

2. **Introduction of New Board Member:** Mr. Quin Cloward

3. **Presentation of Award:**

Art Richardson presented John Williams with an award for his service to the Advisory Board at Payson. John was recommended after the loss of our beloved Thad Jensen. John William served over 4 and a half years. John gave a few words of appreciation. We want to thank John Williams for his dedication and service to the Veterans Home and the many events, planning and the involvement he has participated in through his years of service. Quinn Cloward replaces John Williams.

4. Appointments to serve another 4 years is Nick Flake and Cindi Jones

5. State Officers Report:

Improvements / Projects Donation Fund

Mr. Jim Bedingfield gave Weston and Staff compliments on working to combat current outbreak of coronavirus and all the work preparing for the surveys. Jim's written Report is attached to these Minutes.

Electric Line Project – Contract on Electric and complete 8/31 Capital improvement project. – There will be zero landscape along fence after project complete.

Flooring to be re-done in several areas. Upcoming desired projects – Update Reception Desk and counter and change material to make W/C sturdy.

Donations have been down this year due to Covid but up from a few months ago, still slow from outside sources but still sufficient.

6 Administrator's Report:

Mr. Weston Parsons Thanked us all for our time and service, especially Jeff and Jim, and Chelse for pulling off a great car show. We have had an outbreak of covid – 1 patient was vaccinated then 3 tested positive along with 3 of the staff. Weston's Report is attached to these Minutes. Weston praised his staff on how they have prevented spread in the facility, the kinds of challenges and obstacles they have endured. His remarks were centered on his staff, the challenges of staffing in itself and the quality of folks he has working there.

OFFLINE: Comments were made by a member of the board of a visit to Montana and the process they had and the sharing of buildings and responsibilities. Virtual and full security.

Weston went on with his report that the Santa Zone is well funded this year. Gloves were recommended as they were a big hit last year and years past.

7. UDVMA Report: Jeff Hanson reported for UDVMA and reported on the other 3 facilities of Utah along with the status of each one. Jeff reported what good Board Members we have in each of our homes. He reported that it is good things are getting back a little more normal. The morale is down and the capacity is around 87% capacity due to lock downs in all nursing homes. Payson had 3 cases of covid and Ogden is struggling with an outbreak of 14 cases while Salt Lake City has had 3 cases. Cases have been mild due to vaccinations.

He reported on the Cemetery in Bluffdale and that the expansion should be completed soon. Phase 2 of the Crepts (?) almost finished. The improvements have helped greatly at Bluffdale. Land has been donated and the title is almost approved.

The Ogden Cemetery is moving forward and that plans are still moving forward for a new Veterans Home in Salt Lake City.

8. Old Business/ New Business: (Combined as much was not orderly reporting by members)

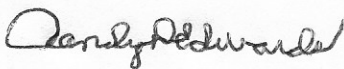
- a. Art Richardson, Advisory Board Chairman Reported that the Car Show in Payson was a success. There were 72 cars more sales and that the event gets better every year. The residents got out and enjoyed the show. Great event to raise the morale of our residents.
- b. The Spanish Fork Fair Grounds Flag Retirement Ceremony went well. There were two years of Flags that needed to be retired therefore it was a big challenge to get all the Flags retired.
- c. Randy Edwards reported on the WWII State Funeral Salute. Woody William is the last living survivor of the WWII Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient.
- d. Randy reported that the Utah County Fair will be on August 5-7th. And that the American Legion has had it's State Convention in June and that the National Convention will be August 25th through the 2nd of September.
- e. Lee Orton is still working on the Flag décor with the Pledge of Allegiance around it. (For all residents?)
- f. Chelse talked about the Honor Flight and that 5-6 residents my be going on that. Date to be determined based on Covid.
- g. Bennion Veterans Golf Tournament, Wednesday, September 15th, 2021.. Hand outs attached.

9. Next Advisory Board Meeting: September 22, 2021, 4 pm. In the Bennion Cultural Hall.

10. Adjourn: Lee Orton motioned to adjourn and Monica Arnold 2nd the motion. Unanimous approval. The Meeting adjourned at 530 pm.

Note: Minutes provided with the help of Monica Arnold as Randy came as the meeting was already convened. Thank you for stepping in Monica as a team support.

Respectfully,



Randy D. Edwards
Secretary to the Board

Cc:

Veterans Home State Officer's Report

Veterans Home State Director

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I would first like to compliment Weston and the Bennion Veteran Home Staff, whom have been working hard to contain the current COVID outbreak. In addition to this challenging task, they have been really working hard to be ready when the various Surveyors come back into the home.

Completed Projects: The Service flag display in the front of the building was completed in Mar/Apr 2021

Pending Projects:

- Power line reconfiguration: This project was a Capitol Improvement project that has been delayed several times. I am happy to report that On Electric, has been awarded the contract to complete this project. The impact fees have been negotiated and the pre-construction meeting is scheduled for 29 Jul 2021. This line is currently located above ground, and will be reconfigured from a source along the main road, and a meter will be placed on the maintenance shed. The existing power line at the rear of the property will be deconstructed and removed.
- Fence Gate addition: A section of the fence on the west side of the property will be removed and replaced with a gate. This gate will facilitate access by utility vehicles used for maintenance or facility operations. This project is delayed due to increased costs for the resources to perform the work. The increased cost has pushed the project into another category that will require the assignment of a Project Manager.

Projected Projects:

- Reception area revitalization – This proposed project would include a redesign of the Front desk and the area around it. Primarily the desk top would be lowered for better visibility by staff and guests, and replacing the front facing of the desk due to the number and size of the scratch and dents present. These old facing was stained wood and all of the scratches show up prominently due to the underlying wood having no stain. A cost will not be determined until a design plan is decided upon.
- Flooring Replacement project - This proposed project is a continuation of work that started prior to the Pandemic. The common areas for Halls 100 & 600 were completed previously. The common areas for Halls 200, 300, 400, 500, 700, 800, and 900 are going to be replaced gradually over the next year. Any rooms with damaged flooring will also be included in this project.

Donation Fund:

The Bennion Veteran Home Donation Fund has a current balance of \$38,743.10 and donations are much reduced from the previous year. However, the fund is still very healthy. We have continued to pay for Musical Performances, and other recreational activities, which are picking up now that restrictions are being reduced for vaccinated residents.

Bennion Veterans Golf Tournament

Wednesday September 15, 2021

**PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT OR CHESLEY
TO BE A SPONSOR OR HOST A TEAM!**

****Please Inquire by August 27th**
All Proceeds go towards the Veteran's
Santa Zone Program!**

**LOCATION:
Gladstan Golf Course
1 Gladstan Dr
Payson Utah, 84651**

**Please feel free to reach out
with any questions:**



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